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1. [redacted] between ten and twenty thousand Soviets are working in Budapest. Immediately after World War II, there were many brawls in public between Soviet troops and the Hungarian people, consequently, the Soviet uniform has completely disappeared from the streets. Furthermore, the Soviets avoid all public gathering places including restaurants and night clubs. They maintain their own clubs and have stringent regulations regarding their relations with the Hungarian population. 50X1
2. A four kilometer portion along the finest avenue (Andres U.) in Budapest is reserved for Soviet offices and a very fashionable club for high officials. There are three or four grammar schools in Budapest for children of Soviet officials. A school [redacted] numbered about 500 children. 50X1
3. [redacted] many Soviet officers worked in the Ministry of Defense. All military personnel had to wear civilian attire rather than military uniforms. 50X1
4. [redacted] negotiations lasted a full year. Approximately 40 people participated in these negotiations, 25 Hungarians and 15 to 20 Soviets. The Soviets brought with them economists, geologists and experts in aluminum and alumina industry. Among the Soviet experts was (fnu) Schwarzberg, considered one of the outstanding alumina experts in the world. [redacted] Soviet negotiators never spoke Hungarian, as a result interpreters had to be used. Caution was their keynote. Each time [redacted] ask a question of importance, the Soviets would leave the room to discuss what answer they would give. They did not trust the Hungarians, for they believed that [redacted] spoke the Russian language. 50X1

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5. During the entire period of negotiations [redacted] Soviet [redacted] were most hospitable, serving vodka and food. [redacted]

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6. After industrial nationalization [redacted] all orders from Moscow were transmitted to the top levels of government, namely the president and deputy presidents of the State Planning Office. Only these officials negotiated with the Soviets while the heads of various departments were then assigned their goals and had to work out the means to achieve these goals.

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